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A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating Jon Siau on the occasion of his retirement.

Whereas, Jon Siau has dedicated his life to teaching;

Whereas, Jon Siau, who earned a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Evansville, has taught at Evansville North High School since the fall of 1971, and has been an adjunct art teacher at three universities;

Whereas, A dedicated artist, Jon Siau is known for his work in the classroom as well as the caricatures he creates of famous and not-so-famous people;

Whereas, Jon Siau developed his love for art at an early

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age and determined his career path by the time he was in the sixth grade; he wanted to be an art teacher;

Whereas, Throughout his 42-year career, Jon Siau received many teaching awards and honors, including being named the 2006 recipient of the American Star of Teaching Award sponsored by the United States Department of Education, the only art teacher in the country to be chosen for this national honor;

Whereas, Jon Siau was also a 2008 semi-finalist for "Indiana Teacher of the Year"; he was also awarded the Excellence in Education: Project E Award and the Power of Art Award and was selected for the All-USA Teacher Team named by USA Today in 1999;

Whereas, Under his guidance, students from Evansville North High School annually win local, regional, state, and national art awards;

Whereas, Among these awards are \$32,000 in the state of Indiana's premier competition for the arts: Project eXceL Awards, winning 10 first place, three second place, and two third place award, and Best of Show awards in the Evansville Museum's High School Art Show; and more than 100 students of Mr. Siau have been honored with United States National Art Awards;

Whereas, In addition to his outstanding classroom abilities, Jon Siau is a talented coach who has coached 45 varsity teams at Evansville North High School, been chosen "Coach of the Year" in four different sports, coached five state champions and four All-Americans, and led his teams to 1,573 varsity wins as a head coach;

Whereas, A major contributor in the arts community, Jon Siau has created artwork for celebrities such as Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Don Mattingly, Harry Caray, Bob Knight, Vince Gill, Bill Cosby, The Judds, Garth Brooks, and Steven Tyler, and has artwork in each of the 50 states;

Whereas, Jon Siau was commissioned to be the first artist



to create original artwork for the United States Olympic Committee's worldwide publication THE OLYMPIAN;

Whereas, An active member of the community, Jon Siau annually designs for the Goodwill Industries of Evansville and the United Way of Southwest Indiana;

Whereas, Jon Siau designed the logo for the Hands on Discovery Children's Museum and the Evansville Coalition for the Homeless;

Whereas, Jon Siau has spent his career teaching his students through his own actions that talent means nothing unless it can be shared; and

Whereas, Jon Siau has inspired his students for decades and instilled in them the belief that, with effort, any goal can be accomplished: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks
- 2 Jon Siau for his many hours of dedicated service to the students of
- 3 Evansville North High School and wishes him happiness and
- 4 contentment in retirement.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Jon Siau and his
- 7 family, Evansville North High School principal John Skinner, and Dr.
- 8 David B. Smith, Superintendent of the Evansville Vanderburgh School
- 9 Corporation.

